

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 98-6-8**

Date Prepared: June 4, 1998

For Work Week Commencing: June 8, 1998

Business Meeting Date & Time: June 8, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

**General Introduction** This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the PSC's world wide web site at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

**Place of Meetings** All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. USWC Docket D96.12.220 -USWC Rate Rebalancing - To consider docket issues including: USWC/MCC stipulation and pay phone issues (6/9/98)
2. Weekly Scheduling/Monthly Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Frontier Communications Services - Docket N98.5.112 (Tina)

On May 22, 1998, Allnet Communication Services, dba Frontier Communications, filed Transmittal No. 13 to increase the billing increments applicable to its Call Home America Service Option from six seconds to one minute. Frontier is also introducing an Option B to its Tandem Travel Card per minute charge.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.5.108 (Bonnie)

On May 20, 1998, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 98-23 introducing a new toll optional calling plan known as Simple Value. The plan has no monthly recurring rate and no minimum usage criteria. The rate is a flat rate per minute for on-peak and off-peak calling.

3. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.5.111 (Nina)

On May 8, 1998, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 98-21, "Caller ID Promotion". From May 18, 1998 through June 27, 1998, residential customers who are new subscribers to Caller Identification will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge when they purchase this feature. In addition, during the same time frame, residential customers who purchase a new additional line and purchase Caller ID on the new additional line, will receive a waiver of the nonrecurring charge and the first month of service monthly rate for the Caller ID. These promotions apply on all orders placed and / or completed during the promotional period. This was a notice item on 6/1/98. Staff recommends approval.

4. MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC. - Docket D98.5.107 (Eric)

On May 20, 1998, MDU filed for authority to split its Common Stock three-for-two effective July 13, 1998. MDU will receive no proceeds from the issuance of additional shares resulting from the proposed split. MDU believes that the resulting lower market price per share will enhance the marketability and liquidity of the Common Stock. A Default Order has been drafted.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. MCI - Docket N98.6.117 (Tina)

On May 27, 1998, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-09 to add a late fee to General Rules and Regulations and to clarify the applicability of Market Area Calling for Option G and Option W. This filing also introduced a new service that does not require Commission approval.

2. MCI - Docket N98.5.109 (Tina)

On May 21, 1998, MCI filed Transmittal Letter No. 98-10 to remove state specific rate and defer to MCI's FCC tariff for Option Y MCI One Number and Option AA P800. This filing also increased rates for different options and those rate changes do not require Commission approval.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

DOCKET No. D98.3.68 Great Falls Gas Co - Application for approval  
- Notice of staff action amending procedural schedule

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-6-15**

MCI - Docket N98.6.117 (Tina)

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**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D98.5.114 Montana Power Company - Territory Agreement  
D98.5.115 Montana Power Company - Territory Agreement  
D98.6.116 Cenex - Word Changes  
N98.6.117 MCI - Tariff Changes